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VALUE OF COLD STORAGE.

A St. Louis dealer declared to a convention of egg and poultry men that "It is the cold-storage men who insure cheap eggs instead of high-priced ones, as some legislators would have us believe. Were it not for cold storage, eggs would go to one dollar a dozen in winter, and in some places would be absolutely unobtainable, says the Omaha Bee. Of course, cold storage boosts the price occasionally in the summer; but if it did not, farmers in that season could not get more than two or three cents a dozen for their eggs." No doubt much of this is strikingly true. The cold-storage plant is, indeed, a leveler of conditions, not only for eggs, but many other articles of produce, and, when properly conducted, with the purpose of serving natural needs and conditions, the cold storage becomes a most valuable economic factor. The trouble is that it is not always so conducted. Its potential harm equals its potential good, and, unfortunately, selfish men have exploited this fact to their own advantage and the consumers' detriment. It is this mismanagement of the cold-storage system itself against which remedial legislation is directed.

A poor working man told his wife on awakening one morning of a curious dream he had during the night, relates the Marquette Tribune. He dreamed he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two very lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow; as it had been understood that to dream of rats denotes calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she could not help him. His son, who heard the father tell the story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the mall order firm which sells booze. The two lean rats are my mother and me, and the blind rat is yourself."

Vienna can boast a curious eccentric, who turns life upside down, a rich young Pole, who lives in sumptuous style, but always summons his servants by bugle call. His favorite pastime is driving an omnibus, attired like an ordinary busman, and, though he is said to spend a fortune each year in clothes, he wears no garment until it has been worn by his valet. He has astonished the guests at a ball by appearing in a costume of pure white, save for the shirt and tie, which were black. To complete his oddities, when dining, which he invariably does alone at a table d'hôte, he reverses the usual order, beginning his meal with the sweets and ending with the soup.

A western woman lecturer on perfect love is suing for divorce. Her husband was mean enough to tell her she had better stay at home with her own family than to go abroad lecturing other people about the perfection of theirs, which, of course, constituted enough extreme cruelty to justify her plea.

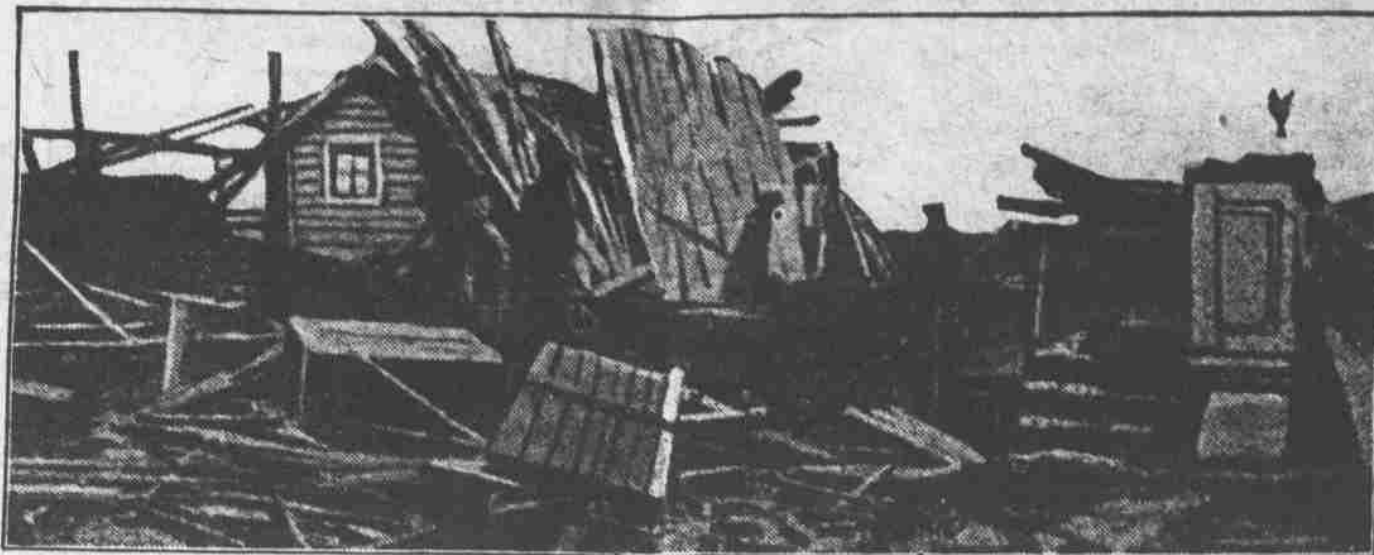
Women in Washington got together and organized a successful war on the high car step. New York is the next city to capitulate to feminine demands. Two such signal victories will encourage feminine opposition to the high step everywhere.

A Maurice Low in a lecture at Yale said that newspaper reporters are "men of trivial minds without perspective and without education." We infer that Mr. Low is not exactly pleased with the reports of his speeches that have appeared in the newspapers.

A passenger on a New York street car has discovered the way to deal with the hatpin peril. When the points of two came perilously near his eyes he snipped them off with a pair of pliers. A pair of pliers will now be the equipment of every man who is so fond of his eyesight that he is blind to consequences.

Thirteen per cent of college girls in a Wisconsin university have been found to be fat-footed. There is no doubt whatever that this is an unlucky percentage, and science is to be asked what it is going to do about it. The higher education is not worth such apparently dire effects.

DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY TORNADO



IN the tornado which swept over parts of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, killing and injuring many persons, Grant Park, Ill., was one of the places hardest hit. The photograph shows the ruins of the German Evangelical church, the arrow pointing to the Bible unharmed on the altar.

KANSAS TORNADO KILLS TWO

CHILDREN FATALLY INJURED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

Hotel Guests at Deering Have Narrow Escape From Fire During Fierce Storm.

Neodesha, Kansas.—The tornado which visited this section of the country about 7 o'clock did much damage. The first house struck was that of Jesse Harbourn. The family escaped to the cave.

Leo Pittman lost his house, barn and household goods and his mother was killed. Pittman may die. Two children at the Lapsley home will probably die.

One Dead at Sedan.

Sedan, Kansas.—The tornado in the vicinity of Rogers, six miles west of Sedan, killed Joseph Borland, an oil worker and caused injuries to at least a dozen other persons, two of whom may die. Three school houses, five or six farm residences, a dozen barns and many other buildings were demolished.

Hotel Burns in Storm.

Independence, Kansas.—A heavy wind swept through this part of Kansas doing considerable damage. The home of John Kurtz, southwest of Deering, this county, was blown away and a barn on the place of A. Gillen, near Martins, was demolished. All the barns on the J. C. McMeans farm were leveled and the buildings on the old Post farm destroyed.

While the wind was at its height Snyder's hotel in Deering was burned to the ground, the 12 or 14 guests escaping in their night clothes.

Cut Path Across City.

Elk City, Kansas.—A tornado struck this city, causing considerable damage, but so far as could be learned at this time no fatalities. The storm struck Elk City on the north side, cutting a path across the city towards the southeast. All wires are down and reports from the surrounding country are hard to get.

TRAIN WRECKED BY A TORNADO

Twenty Persons Injured Near Ord, Neb., and Only Engine is Left on Track.

Omaha, Neb.—A tornado struck Union Pacific train No. 35 and left only the engine standing a mile west of North Loup, Neb. Twenty persons were injured, James Davis perhaps fatally, when the cars overturned.

A wreck and relief train has been sent from Grand Island with a corps of physicians. As soon as O'Brien, the engineer of the wrecked train, realized what had happened, he ran his engine 12 miles to Ord, and returned with a car in which the injured were taken to Ord.

The train, composed of two day coaches and a combination mail, baggage and express car, was running at moderate speed when the wind struck it.

Hold Two for \$14,000 Theft.

Grand Junction, Col.—A. D. Peach-out, a Wells-Fargo express messenger, was arrested charged with being a confederate of Ben Gilbert, accused of the theft of \$14,000 from the Globe Express office here. The prisoners confessed, according to the police. The money, with the exception of \$130 was recovered.

Indians on a Special Train.

Muskogee, Ok.—A special train with one coach filled with Indians was run from Okmulgee to Muskogee to attend the funeral of Capt. Frederick B. Severs, a white man and a millionaire, but who had been adopted as a member of the Creek tribe.

Barry to Succeed Grant.

New York, N. Y.—Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, U. S. A., superintendent of the United States military academy of West Point, will be the next commander of the Eastern division of the army with headquarters on Governors island.

SAYS LEAVENWORTH IS CLEAN

Mayor Files Answer to Contempt Proceedings in Topeka—Blames Other Towns for Trouble.

Topeka, Kan.—Mayor Albert Doege and B. F. Endres, city attorney of Leavenworth, were in Topeka and filed the answers in the contempt proceedings brought against the mayor, 17 police officers and several disorderly characters for violating the order of the supreme court in paying into the city forfeited bonds in lieu of license fees. In the answer it is shown that Mayor Doege had discharged the chief of police and seven patrolmen against whom the attorney general had evidence of incompetency. These were the police officers the attorney general found were not helping in keeping the joints closed.

The mayor, in his answer, asserted that Leavenworth was in good shape as far as law enforcement is concerned, but he shows that on the pay day of the soldiers at the fort and on pension day at the Soldiers' home, the bootleggers and disreputable characters from Kansas City and St. Joseph flocked to Leavenworth.

COAL MEN REACH AN AGREEMENT

Anthracy Operators and Miners Committees Ready to Report—Will Be Heard May 2.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Confirmation of the report that the anthracite miners and operators had reached an agreement in settlement of their dispute as to wages and hours of labor has been given in a statement from the office of President Baer in this city. The statement reads:

"Mr. George F. Baer, the chairman of the operators' committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the general committees of operators and miners' representatives in New York May 2 to act on the report of the sub-committee to suggest a method of settling differences; the sub-committee having unanimously submitted a recommendation of conditions looking to an adjustment.

"The terms and conditions of this report, however, will not be made public until after the meeting of the general committees May 2."

FOURTEEN BUILDINGS BURNED

Bennington, Kansas, Business Street Has Only Five Business Houses Left—Loss is \$50,000.

Salina, Kansas.—Fire which started at 2:30 in the morning in the kitchen of the Mack hotel at Bennington, destroyed 14 buildings in the business part of the town, causing a loss of \$50,000. The loss is partly covered by insurance. A strong wind was blowing from the southwest and for the time the entire village was threatened. A bucket brigade was used without much success. There were only five buildings not destroyed.

The Farmers' State bank, the post-office, a newspaper plant and several stores were burned.

Off a Train in Her Sleep.

Durant, Oklahoma.—Mrs. M. Chipley, 83 years old, of Fayette, Mo., walked off a moving M. K. & T. passenger train between Caddo and Durant in her sleep. Mrs. Chipley and her daughter, Mrs. T. R. Spencer, were on the way from Fayette to the latter's home at Abilene, Tex. Mrs. Spencer awoke, missed her mother and notified the conductor. Section hands found Mrs. Chipley. No bones were broken, but she was unconscious.

Senator Peffer Recovering.

Topeka, Kansas.—W. A. Peffer, the first and only Populist United States senator from Kansas, has had to undergo a second operation. A leg was amputated seven weeks ago because of possible blood poisoning and surgeons found that part of the bone still was affected and had to be removed. The second operation was not serious and Senator Peffer is recovering rapidly.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR WARSHIP

CRUISER HIT BY TORPEDO AT PRACTICE.

Plates Pierced and Compartment Flooded—Officers Refuse to Discuss Accident.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The United States cruiser Maryland was struck by a torpedo while at practice. The torpedo is said to have pierced one of the plates, flooding a compartment. The Maryland is inside the breakwater and has a decided list to starboard.

During the day's practice in which the torpedo flotilla and submarines fired torpedoes at the Maryland, torpedoes with collapsible heads were supposed to be used. It is believed that one with a solid head was fired by mistake. Capt. J. H. Ellicott is in command of the cruiser.

The accident to the Maryland occurred at 10 o'clock at night while the destroyers Lawrence, Farragut, Goldsborough and Whipple and the submarine Grampus were firing torpedoes at her.

The cruiser was struck nine feet below the water line. Divers were sent over the side to ascertain the damage and the work of repairing had been in progress all day. One compartment only was flooded.

The officers refused to discuss the accident, but it was said that the blame lay between the Lawrence and the Grampus.

WORST FLOOD IN MANY YEARS

All Streams Around Pittsburg Overflowing and Railroads Washed Out.

Pittsburg, Kansas.—This section is suffering from the worst flood condition for a dozen years. The last rainfall amounted to three inches and all the streams in the surrounding country are overflowing. The tracks of the Joplin & Pittsburg Electric railway have been washed out at points north and service is broken. The Frisco has had two washouts near here.

Cow creek, ordinarily a little stream, west of the city, is a mile wide and a packing plant is under water. A considerable loss of live stock is reported in the lowlands.

VILLA WANTS TO FIGHT A DUEL

Federal Officer Would Challenge Rebel Leader Orozco—Death of Either Would Settle the War.

The City of Mexico.—In a dispatch to President Madero, Pancho Villa, the former Mexican bandit, and leader of the force of federals that defeated Campa's rebels at Parral, offers to fight Pascual Orozco a duel to settle the revolution and asks Madero's consent to the terms.

Villa proposes that if he kills Orozco, the rebels shall lay down their arms, and if Orozco kills him, Madero is to resign the presidency and turn the government over to the rebels. Madero has not accepted.

Two-Thirds Rule May Go.

Baltimore, Maryland.—Probably the most important decision at the Democratic committee's meeting here related to the two-thirds rule of nominating the presidential candidate. When the committee adjourned it was announced that strong efforts would be made to have the convention adopt a rule for a majority vote instead of the two-thirds rule, beginning with the 1916 convention.

Parson Hustles for Business.

Omaha, Neb.—The Rev. Charles W. Savidge, the marrying parson of Omaha, started out a marriage solicitor. The solicitor, Mrs. Catherine Gibson, waits in the office of the marriage license clerk and when there is an application for a license, she approaches the would-be groom.

COLD BROUGHT IT ON.

Terrible Pain and Disorders of the Kidneys and Bladder.

Mrs. Carrie Sommer, 3422 N. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, Ill., says: "A severe cold settled on my kidneys and the pains through my back and limbs were so intense I could scarcely keep from screaming. My heart troubled me and I became so dizzy I could barely stoop. At last I took to my bed and was in agony for two weeks, the doctor failing to help me.

Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills, I began using them and continued until entirely cured. For eight years I have had no sign of the old trouble."

"When Your Back Is Lame, Remember the Name—DOAN'S." 50c all stores Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Evidence Put in Too Late.

A prisoner was being tried in an English court for murder; evidence against him purely circumstantial; part of it a hat found near the scene of the crime—an ordinary, round, black hat, but sworn to as the prisoner's. Counsel for the defense, of course, made much of the commonness of the hat. "You, gentlemen, no doubt each of you possess such a hat, of the most ordinary make and shape. Beware how you condemn a fellow-creature to a shameful death on such a piece of evidence," and so on. So the man was acquitted. Just as he was leaving the dock, with the most touching humility and simplicity, he said: "If you please, my lord, may I have my 'at'?"

Boy's Idea.

Willie was looking at the pictures in a magazine when suddenly he turned to his father and asked: "Pa, do coconuts really grow on trees?"

"Of course! Where did you think they grew?"

"Why, pa, I always thought the monkeys laid 'em."—Boston Transcript.

In the Dark.

"Has that boy of yours who graduated from college last year found a job that suits him yet?"

"Nope. He's still looking for one."

"Where's he looking?"

"Well, I don't just know. He seems to do most of his looking nights."

Pa Knows.

Willie—Paw, what does discretion mean?

Paw—Picking out a small man when you are looking for trouble.

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